

Representations from the people of Kunnathur and Kottarakara

100. ***Mr. A. Easwara Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have received representations from the people of Kunnattur and Kottarakara regarding the construction of a bridge at the Kunnattur crossing of the Kallada river at the 8th mile of the Kottarakara-Sastamecotta road ; and

(b) how many accidents occurred at the crossing during the last five years ?

Mr. Sesha Aiyar : (a) Yes

(b) One, on 20.11.1935.

Mr. A. Easwara Pillai : Have the Government taken any step for the construction of the bridge ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : No, Sir ; it will be a very costly bridge, and the importance of that road does not warrant such heavy expenditure on a bridge there.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : What is the estimated cost of the bridge ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : A regular estimate has not been prepared.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : Then, how does the member say that it would be a very costly bridge ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : The approximate cost of it will be about a lakh of rupees.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : Has the possibility of cheaper bridges been investigated ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : A bridge made of ascu-treated timber may cost about Rs. 70,000, approximately.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : What is the approximate cost of the roads on either side of the stream ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : I have no information now.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : Is the honourable member aware that those roads are absolutely useless without a bridge there ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : I do not think so ; there is a ferry and a junghar there.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : Is the honourable member aware that it is a very dangerous stream, and accidents are very common.

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : During the last five years one accident has been reported ; I cannot say accidents are very common.